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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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Numerous incidents of threats or assault on code enforcement officers, while performing their duties, have been documented in Los Angeles County. These incidents range from mild verbal threats to severe threats of injury or death.

A review of past environmental health activities revealed over 50 incidents of hostile interaction occurred prior to 1995, and just in the last two years, over 25 incidents were reported. In recent years, there have been isolated incidents that resulted in irate individuals killing three Food Safety Inspectors and an Environmental Health Specialists. Senate Bill 919 (Ortiz) adds and defines code enforcement officers and provides enhanced penalty if a person commits assault or battery against a code enforcement officer such as our County's Environmental Health Specialists.

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This bill will provide the County's Environmental Health Specialists with the same protection afforded other public employees, such as lifeguards, paramedics, animal control officers, process servers, and traffic officers. These threat conditions occur too frequently, placing Environmental Health Specialists at significant risk.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors support Senate Bill 919 (Ortiz) related to the expansion of protection statute for code enforcement officers.

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